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Officials evaluate education

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As three of the state's top higher education officials gathered in the Student Union Boardroom Wednesday night, their message was clear: Higher education needs funding help from the state of Missouri.

Manuel Pacheco, president of the University of Missouri system, Richard Wallace, chancellor of the University of Missouri—Columbia, and University President Dean Hubbard convened on the Northwest campus to discuss their mutual concerns for the future of higher education in the state.

The three administrative officials are members of the Council on Public Higher Education, which consists of chancellors and presidents of Missouri's 13 public four-year colleges and universities.

Wednesday, the group met to discuss the latest information regarding funding shortages and the cuts state institutions are beginning to announce. Northwest students and faculty, Northwest alumni and University of Missouri—Columbia alumni gathered to speak with the group at a reception in the Student Union Ballroom in the early evening.

The three CoPHE members finished the day by taking part in a public forum in the Student Union Boardroom, and it was at the open discussion that they voiced their pleas for help.

"I do want to emphasize the dire state that higher education is in, in the state of Missouri," Pacheco said. "Reductions in the state appropriations for



Northwest University President Dean Hubbard, University of Missouri-Columbia Chancellor Richard Wallace and University of Missouri President Manuel Pacheco discussed their concerns about higher education. The meeting was conducted in the Student Union Wednesday.

higher education cannot be long without in any of our institutions around the state."

Wallace gave a slide presentation outlining the purpose, goals and commitments of CoPHE, stressing the need for all state universities and citizens to take an interest in state higher education funding.

Using a graph, Wallace pointed out the decrease in state appropriations over the course of the past 20 years or so.

"If we continue in that direction, quality will decrease, and tuition will continue to increase," he said.

Hubbard followed with a presentation, using numerous graphs to illustrate the increased burden students have taken on over the past two decades. In 1986, Northwest received approximately 72 percent of its funding from the state, as compared to less than 53 percent in 2001.

As state funding has decreased, students have inevitably taken on the burden of keeping the institutions rolling, Hubbard said. This trend could ultimately backfire, decreasing enrollment and, consequently, decreasing people entering the educated workforce, Hubbard said.

"By not investing in higher education, the state is going to compromise its long-term future," he said.

As the three fielded questions from audience members at the public forum, each member emphasized the need for people to examine the issue and invest time into working on a solution.

"These kinds of cuts cannot be long withstood," Pacheco said. "We have to continue to find ways to find support for higher education."

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President to recommend gun approval

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Campus Safety officers are one step closer to carrying firearms this fall.

At a news conference Wednesday, University President Dean Hubbard announced that he will recommend arming Campus Safety officers to the Board of Regents at its meeting April 26.

Campus Safety officers currently hold the same power as regular police officers and receive police academy training. The decision to arm them was not prompted by one specific event, but by a shift in attitudes, Hubbard said.

"I owe it to this community to be sensitive to changes in our environment and to do everything that we can to make sure that it is a safe environment," Hubbard said. "I feel very comfortable in the program we have on campus. It's the best I've seen in my 28 years in administration of Campus Safety. I just think the time has come when we have to take this step."

Although equipment will need to be purchased, no additional funding will be provided, said Ray Courter, vice president for finance.

Funding for holsters and firearms will come from the current Campus Safety budget. In the past, the University has paid non-University personnel \$100 an hour or more to assist with security at various sporting events and concerts on campus, Courter said. That money will now be spent to arm University officers.

The decision came after five weeks of discussion between Campus Safety, University administration and various campus organizations. Presentations were made to Student Senate, Faculty Senate, Leadership Forum, Support Staff Council and the Residence Hall Association. They also conducted a telephone survey of parents and held a town meeting, which was open to the public.

The discussions revealed that most of the campus was divided on the issue, Hubbard said.

"Giving someone arms is not something most people go around advocating," Hubbard said. "It's like divorce. Nobody is in favor of divorce, but that doesn't mean that we would favor making divorce illegal. We recognize that under certain circumstances, it's necessary. I would say it's the same with arming Campus Safety."

Students greeted the announcement with mixed feelings. "I think it's a good idea," Psychology Major Lori Hays said. "I think people don't really give (Campus Safety) the respect they deserve. People just look at them and go 'they don't even carry guns.' This will get them the respect they deserve."

Other students were apprehensive of the idea. "No matter how well trained someone is, anytime you throw in a deadly weapon, it throws another variable into it," Math Major Curtis Shaffer said. "More things could go wrong. I could understand pepper spray or tazers or even stun guns, but it's just not a good idea."

The Board of Regents will vote on the issue at its meeting at 1 p.m. April 26 in the Board Room of the Union. If the issue passes, Campus Safety officers will be carrying guns this fall.

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Board reviews survey, appoints administrator

By ABBY SIMONS
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A re-organized Maryville School Board appointed a new administrator to the district and reviewed options for renovation at Wednesday's meeting.

The Board's newest president Mark Watkins presided over the meeting in which the Board appointed Kevin Pitts as new assistant principal at Maryville Middle School. Pitts will replace Peggy Schieber, who will retire at the end of the academic year. A selection committee chose Pitts from a pool of approximately 30 candidates. Pitts previously served the district as an in-school suspension supervisor and fifth-grade math and social studies teacher. He currently serves as the elementary principal at South Harrison Elementary School in Bethany. Pitts holds a bachelor's of science degree in elementary education and a master's of science degree in education administration from Northwest.

"We're certainly glad to have Mr. Pitts on board," said Superintendent Jay Reese. "He has worked with the district for a number of years before going to South Harrison, so the staff is already familiar with him and pleased that he is returning to Maryville."

The Board also received a marketing survey presentation from data compiled by Northwest seniors Stacey Eichhorn, Adrienne Gevens, Matt North, Beth Reuter, Dave Smith and Jami Willenborg as part of Jim Walker's marketing research class. Research team members sent surveys to 1,140 registered voters within city limits requesting respondents' preference of additional funding for various improvements throughout the school district.

Three scenarios were listed and included: issuing \$15 million in bonds for the district, requiring an additional tax increase of approximately 20 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, which would allow the district to complete all improvements; issuing \$10 million in bonds, which would not require an additional tax increase, without completing all improvements; or making no facility improvements within the district.

The team showed the Board that of the 173 that responded to the survey, 65 percent were in favor of scenario two, while approximately 25 percent chose scenario one and 10 percent chose scenario three. The team also asked a number of other questions regarding funding for improvements, including open-ended questions.

After reviewing the results, the team suggested the Board rely only on scenario two for funding, as well as selling the now unused Washington Middle School building, as opposed to demolishing it. The survey showed that 124 of 173 survey respondents voted to sell the building, while 40 voted to demolish.

"The marketing class did an excellent job, and there was a lot of information to digest," Reese said. "Now the Board has some important decisions to make."

Opening of stadium bids results in recommendation

By BILL KNUST
ASSIGNMENT DIRECTOR

If E.L. Crawford Construction did residential work, they might have a few new customers in the form of Northwest officials.

E.L. Crawford submitted a base bid of \$4.33 million Tuesday, considerably lower than their first bid of \$7.58 million. With that bid, a committee will recommend E.L. Crawford's bid to the Board of Regents April 26, Athletic Director Bob Boerigter said.

"After last time we were all in sticker shock from the bids being so high, so to see the bids come in where we thought they would be, we were very delighted," Boerigter said.

E.L. Crawford beat out Lawhon Construction (\$4.5 million), Brooner and Associates (\$4.65 million) and Walton Construction (\$4.9 million).

After the first round of bidding was considerably higher than what North-

west officials had planned, Boerigter said there was quite a bit of nail chewing going on before the envelopes were opened.

"In the history of things that are bidden on, these bids were more the norm," Boerigter said. "Last time the bidding was really the exception to the rule. There were a lot of nervous people while those bids were being opened."

Crawford's plan with the additional add-ons to the stadium would cost a total of \$5.6 million.

The pricing for the additional items would be \$25,960 for a roof and walls at the Observation Deck, \$186,500 for classroom construction, \$252,000 for locker room construction, \$25,955 for a concrete slab at the unfinished area service level and \$321,000 for a steel and aluminum grandstand construction.

Crawford had the lowest add-on price for three of the five add-on items.

Brooner and Associates had the lowest price for the roof and walls at the Observation Deck with a bid of \$21,118 and Walton Construction had the lowest bid on the classroom construction with a bid of \$181,000.

The University has the option to choose any of these add-ons.

Another thing that will likely be added is a video board. The committee took a trip to Lincoln, Neb., Tuesday night to view a demonstration by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"It was a good trip," Boerigter said. "They were able to show us the board we want to have in our facility and they were good about explaining everything to us. We were all in really high spirits heading there."

The video board will be bid separately by contractors, Boerigter said.

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RENOVATION TIMELINE

Nov. 7, 2001
Board of Regents meets to discuss whether or not to go ahead with stadium project.

Dec. 9, 2001
Northwest Foundation holds campaign kickoff to announce fundraising plans.

April 16, 2002
Bids are submitted for a second time. E.L. Crawford submits lowest bid.

Dec. 6, 2001
University accepts bids from contractors and the lowest bid does not meet the \$5 million limit.

Dec. 13, 2001
Board of Regents decides to reopen bidding.

April 26, 2002
Board of Regents is presented the bid and will decide whether or not to begin renovations.



Ashley Pride participates in a mock car crash Wednesday afternoon. The crash imitated the consequences of a drunken driving accident to area high school students.

Mock crash simulates effects of drunken driving to students

By DEVIN RANKIN
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The sound of shattering glass, the crunching of metal against another object and the smell of burnt rubber on the pavement are some things people experience when they witness an accident. Several Nodaway County students witnessed a scene such as this Wednesday at the annual mock DWI crash that simulated the events of a drunken driving accident.

The mock crash, which took place on the corner of East Seventh and North Laura, was presented to many area high schools including Maryville High School, West Nodaway, North Nodaway, Northeast Nodaway, Jefferson C-123, South Nodaway, Nodaway Holt and North Andrew. The simulated accident was presented to the students in hopes of educating them on the consequences of driving while intoxicated.

The presentation included seven teens from Maryville High School and other surrounding schools that acted in the crash. The teens that attended the crash were brought to the scene without any knowledge of what they would encounter. When the students arrived, they were faced with the aftermath of a fatal alcohol-related crash. With the help of the D.A.R.E. Programs of Maryville and Nodaway County, St. Francis Hospital & Health Services, Maryville Public Safety, Nodaway County Ambulance, LifeNet Air Medical Transport, Nodaway County Sheriff's department and the Missouri State Patrol, the simulation went as planned at 8:30 a.m.

The mock DWI crash was treated as a real event, and the police, ambulance, LifeNet and fire rescue teams were called as if it were a real life threatening situation. This simulation was also a disaster drill for the emergency personnel.

After the simulation was over, Mary Simmons, emergency room nurse at St. Francis Hospital, presented students with situations that may happen after a fatal accident. They were informed of what occurs in the emergency room for those who may survive such an accident. She also informed students of the consequences of drinking and driving.

"If we can just get one kid to listen and make a change in the way they do things, it will make a world of difference," Simmons said.

The simulation also affected many parents.

"It is a parent's worst nightmare," Kathy Howell said. "I keep playing it over in my mind, what if it were my daughter?"

Freshman Molly Howell said the biggest impact of the event for her was seeing the reactions of everyone at the scene.

"It just seemed so real," Howell said. "It was scary knowing this could happen to you or someone that you know."

Howell thought the crash was a great experience.

"I hope everyone got something out of it and thinks before they ride with someone who's been drinking or drive drunk," she said.

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Night honors student film achievements

By WARREN CROUSE
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Amid great fanfare and hoopla, a grand limo entrance and surprise acts, the stage will be set Saturday night at Mary Linn Auditorium.

No, it is not Maryville High School's prom; it is the fourth annual Vinci awards.

Vinci, Northwest's second longest running show behind Bearcat Update, will present its awards at 8 p.m.

The show will honor actors and programmers in eight different film categories: best actor, best actress, best comedy, best drama, best music video, best director, best editing and best overall Vinci.

Highlights will include two dance numbers, comic skits, cars and motorcycles driving on stage and other surprises.

"We have a great opening act," said Roy Anderson, producer of the Vinci awards. "It will surprise people and set them on the edge of their seat."

Vinci, a student produced program aired on Channel 8, survives without much University funding. All expenses are paid by money from the director's pocket or by donations from businesses, Executive Producer T. Justin Ross said.

So far about one-half dozen businesses have donated goods for giveaways.

"The community is very supportive," Ross said. "It is really nice to have sense of aid from the community. We are pretty lucky in that sense."

Without the community, Vinci would not be. Not only do they provide contributions through donations of supplies and money, but they also allow students to use their facilities for filming. Once in a while community members act in some of the skits, Ross said.

Vinci is an element of TV practicum, but no crew is given. It is all volunteer work with no prerequisites and no requirements. It is a collaborative effort between people of all majors, some of which include: art, theater, geography or anyone else who wishes to join.

The awards show is the culmination of all the work done by students.

The show is free and open to the public.



Warren (played by Josh Richardson) holds Sharon (played by Don Railsback) at gunpoint during a rehearsal of the one-act play "Lives on Hiatus" Tuesday night. The play, which confronts issues related to homosexuality, will be performed at the Mary Linn Black Box Studio Theatre Thursday night, following a 7:30 p.m. production of the humorous play "Pop Justice."

PHOTO BY LAURA SECK/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

School earns recognition for program

By KARA SWINK
CHIEF REPORTER

After years of helping children succeed with their reading, Horace Mann is being recognized for its contributions.

Horace Mann will be presented with the International Reading Association Exemplary Reading Program Award for 2001-2002, during a convention in San Francisco April 28.

The award recognizes outstanding reading and language arts programs in schools throughout North America. Director Carole Edmonds will travel to San Francisco to collect the award.

Horace Mann began using a balanced literacy program during the spring of 1997. It is this program that helped the school capture the award.

"I think the award shows the hard work and dedication of my faculty," Edmonds said. "It takes a lot of time on their part to do reading on their own and learn how to do this program."

While at the convention, Edmonds will be making a PowerPoint presentation to showcase Horace Mann's reading journey. The presentation will include a timeline beginning when the faculty first laid eyes on the balanced literacy program in Florida.

The program has different components, including reading and writing workshops. In a reader's workshop, there is independent reading, shared reading, guided reading and word work.

"When we first saw the guided reading, I think it was the individual assessment that went into guided reading that really impressed us," Edmonds said.

For 20 minutes, teachers break their classes into guided groups of three to six students. Grouping is decided by each child's reading level.

Horace Mann has seen a tremendous change in the way students feel about reading, Edmonds said.

Amber Hawk, resource teacher at Horace Mann, works with students identified as needing special help.

Hawk said guided reading has improved the students' self-images.



Third grader Taylor Ross reads a book as part of the school's reading program. The program earned Horace Mann the International Reading Association Exemplary Reading Program Award for 2001-2002.

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"They feel successful, particularly because I share with them where they should be and where they are at, and they feel successful because they can go from not being at grade level to being at grade level," she said.

Since the program began, test scores have improved by 10 to 15 percent. First-grade students are at or above grade level, and the same is true through sixth grade, except for students with learning disabilities.

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News in Brief

Guard captures first-place award at regional contest

Hard work paid off when The Pride of Northwest Winter Guard won first place at regional competition.

The Guard, named after the Marching Pride of Northwest marching band, performed at the ninth annual Mid-Continent Color Guard Association championships April 6 at Southwest Missouri State University. The guard competed in the independent regional "A" class.

The first-place win was special because it was only the Guard's second season competing, said Stacey Krambeck, winter guard instructor.

The guard performed to the song "Closer to Fine" by the Indigo Girls. Karen and Mark Nilsen of Kansas City, Mo., designed the routine. The show used flag, rifle and saber equipment combined with dance.

The Guard's members include juniors Charlotte Jorgensen and Tara Epperson, sophomores Ashley Johnson and Jamie Garrison and freshmen Christine Miller and Amanda Bruemmer.

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Ceremony to honor victims

By ABBY SIMONS
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Local officials, community members and law enforcement agencies will unite Wednesday in commemoration of National Crime Victims Week.

Staff from the Maryville Treatment Center and the local Board of Probation and Parole will participate in a commemorative ceremony at Lake Mozingo Park as part of a local celebration of the week, running from Sunday to Saturday. Statewide, each of the Missouri Department of Corrections' correctional facilities and probation and parole offices participate in ceremonies in their host communities to commemorate the week and to affirm the state's commitment to the rights of crime victims and their families. This year's ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. at Lake Mozingo Park. A tree will be planted at the ceremony in commemoration of crime victims, and speakers will be present at the ceremony to advocate victims' rights. Victims themselves will also be present to speak. A vocal ensemble from Northeast Nodaway High School will provide musical selections. The ceremony is open to the public.

Rhonda Pash, associate superintendent of operations at Maryville Treatment Center, said the ceremony bears a high amount of significance to those attending.

"The ceremony is emotional for some, but not for everyone," Pash said. "It serves as awareness for some who may forget about the victims of crime. It's good to remind us all to be supportive and recognize them."

Favorite things



Billi Walker as Maria teaches the VonTrapp children, Ali Ackman, Britney Loch, Merideth Wilmes, Dawson Vorderbruggel, Jon Marta and Jessica Schulte how to sing in the musical "The Sound of Music." The play took place April 12, 13 and 14 at Maryville High School.

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Summer arts festival accepts submissions

By CHRIS LITTLE
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Maryville will host the first Festival of the Arts this summer in an effort to bring the artists of northwest Missouri closer together.

The festival will feature a wide variety of artistic talents. Participating artists will range from high school students to professional designers and senior citizens.

The festival is open to all artists who demonstrate professionalism and who do quality work. Artists who wish to participate must submit a photograph of their artwork and an application that can be obtained at the Chamber of Commerce, the Northwest art department office, Movie Magic, Main Street Coffee, Store of Colors or Thimble 'n Thread. A panel will select applicants and all works submitted must be original.

The festival has been in the works for two months and is already taking shape.

"The festival, in my mind, is already a great success," festival coordinator Kathy Rice said. "We have a great group of people working hard to get this off the ground."

Several community members head up the various committees for the event and some Northwest students are involved. Kristen Miller and Sheryl Meiergerd, both graphic design majors, created the festival logo.

"It's great to have such talented people to work with," Rice said. "This is still another way to showcase the total range of talent from northwest Missouri's artisans and musicians."

Applications are available online at the Chamber of Commerce Web page, www.maryvillemo.org. They must be postmarked by June 1. Acceptance packets will be sent back by June 14. The festival will take place from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. July 27 on the square. The event will coincide with the city's annual Sidewalk Sale.

"Anyone and everyone is invited to submit their work," Rice said. "We hope to see as many people there as possible. It will only strengthen the creative spirit in our community."

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High schoolers ready for prom, graduation

By MONICA CALDWELL
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Amid the final weeks of classes and homework, Maryville High School students will find a last burst of activity. With prom around the corner Saturday, and graduation May 19, 'Hounds' upperclassmen will close their high school careers with finesse.

Taking place in the University Conference Center from 8 p.m. until midnight, the planning committee has put together a prom evening as a farewell to graduates and a way for students to spend time together before the consummation of the school year.

This year's theme is "Captured in a Dream," and the colors will be silver and royal blue. Aramark will serve refreshments, and music will be provided by deejay Tyler Mackey of Good Times Entertainment.

A drug and alcohol-free event of no cost to the students, after-prom will include activities such as a bungee run, an ultimate obstacle course, bouncy boxing, volley bounce and a cash cage. A main attraction is a karaoke machine, where students can pick their own song. A total of four videos will be made of each performance

for students to take home.

Following closely on prom's heels is graduation, which will be celebrated at 2 p.m. at Lamkin Activity Center. From 135 graduates, the top 10 academic students will be recognized, and four of those 10 will speak, including the student body president and three other students.

Completing the day will be Project Graduation, a safe way for seniors to celebrate the end of the year. The night will begin at the Hangar and proceed to the Cove underneath the Christian Church, where students can snack and reminisce with their classmates. Participants will return to the Hangar to watch movies and their senior video.

Through a student and parent clean-up project at Mozingo Lake and parent-run fundraisers such as a chili supper and silent auction, much of the expense for both events has been covered.

"Without the generous donations of the business and the community and parents, it would be very difficult to fund these projects," said Carol Middleton, prom and Project Graduation co-chair.

Judge sets abuse case trial date

By ABBY SIMONS
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

A Maryville man will now stand trial in connection with the death of a toddler and the physical injury of two other children.

At a preliminary hearing Friday, Michael L. Beattie, 21, was ordered to stand trial for the charges of class A felony murder in the second degree.

Following the testimony of three witnesses offered by Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney David Baird, Judge Glen Dietrich found probable cause for Beattie to stand trial.

"Obviously I was pleased that the court found sufficient evidence to bind the matter over for trial, and did so after hearing evidence from the three witnesses we offered," Baird said.

Baird elicited testimony from registered nurse Joy Stroborg of St. Francis Hospital, Brad Ussary of the Missouri State Highway Patrol in St. Joseph and Dr. Thomas Young, Jackson County medical examiner, regarding the Jan. 14 and Jan. 15 incidents that resulted in the Jan. 20 death of 2-year-old Dayun P.J. Boatwright.

Stroborg testified about the bruising and conditions she observed on the two children upon their arrival at the hospital Jan. 15.

Ussary testified about his involvement as main investigating officer in the case. Ussary also took oral and written statements from Beattie in the early morning hours of Jan. 16, and later on the same day. It was alleged that Beattie hit, struck or shook the children. Beattie later admitted to the behavior in his own statement to law enforcement officials. Ussary also testified that Beattie had changed his second statement from that of his original, in which he said Boatwright sustained his injuries from a fall.

Young, who performed the autopsy on Boatwright, testified on both the external and internal injuries resulting in the death of Boatwright. Ussary also testified that Beattie had changed his statements between the two interviews.

Dietrich ordered Beattie to appear before Judge Roger Prokes at 9 a.m. Monday for arraignment and trial setting. In addition to the second-degree murder charges, Beattie also faces additional alternative charges of abuse of a child and endangering the welfare of a child. Under Missouri law, a class A felony carries a minimum sentence of 10 years and a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison if convicted. Beattie currently remains in the Nodaway County Jail on \$150,000 bond.

The children's mother, Amy Clark, 21, Maryville, was charged Jan. 28 with four counts of felony endangering the welfare of a child for "knowingly acting in a manner that created a substantial risk to the life, body and health of her children." Charges result from Clark placing her children in Beattie's custody after he had previously subjected the children to physical abuse. Clark has been freed on bond. The two children in the case, ages 4 and 1, remain in foster care.

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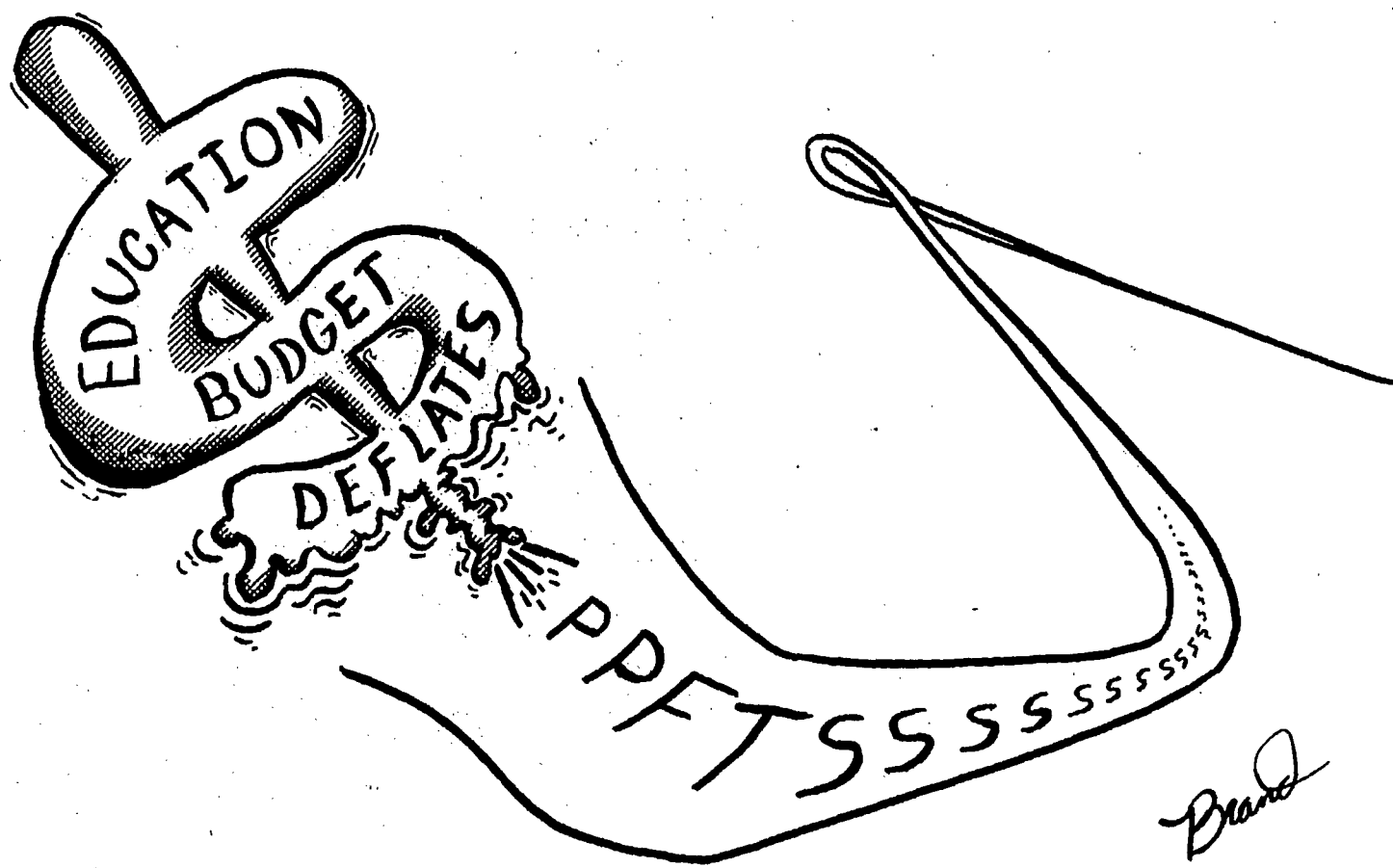
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The preamble of the U.N. Charter emphasizes the need "to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained." Last week, significant progress toward those conditions was achieved as the statute establishing the International Criminal Court was finally ratified by more than 60 nations in perhaps the most important milestone for international law since the U.N. Charter itself.

International human rights groups, lawmakers and victims of atrocities are praising the monumental court, which will officially begin work on July 1 at The Hague.

You would think the United States would be the leading proponent of the court, but instead, we're in the company of notorious human rights abusers China, Russia, Iran and Iraq as some of the only signatories that have not ratified the treaty.

President George W. Bush, who hasn't ratified the treaty (in agreement with Congress), may actually remove the U.S. signature altogether under pressure from Donald Rumsfeld and Sen. Jesse Helms. Not only will that mean we will have no say in how the court is set up, but it will also put us in direct contrast to our closest allies—Great Britain, Canada, France and Germany.

Yet another clash with our allies could not come at a worse time. As the *Chicago Tribune* put it recently, "At a time when Washington is asking for cooperation against terrorism, it hardly seems the moment to undermine a his-

toric new law institution to deal with crimes that are every bit as heinous (Sept. 11)."

The United States should have nothing to fear from the new court—in fact, the United States should be the court's most ardent supporter. The court's role will be to seriously prosecute individuals accused of genocide, war crimes and other crimes against humanity. In other words, exactly the kind of tribunal the United States spearheaded at Nuremberg after World War II and to deal with genocide in former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, but on a permanent basis.

The court has been specifically designed to avoid unfair prosecutions, and it will only attempt to try individuals if their own nation fails to carry out proper investigations of crimes that would fall under ICC jurisdiction. The accused will be tried with the highest standards, taken directly from our own justice system, such as the presumption of innocence, the right to counsel and the right to multiple appeals. If involved, the United States would be an integral part of ensuring that those safeguards are followed.

So why is the leading democratic nation in the world opposing a viable means for world justice?

Perhaps the United States is worried that beneficiaries like Israel and Turkey, who have terrible human rights records, will be brought before the court. Even if those states come under ICC scrutiny, only individuals responsible for crimes against humanity will be put on trial, not entire governments.

MY VIEW

As graduation nears editor ponders life without school



LAURA PEARL
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

As I prepare to graduate, I cannot help but wonder how I will survive without school.

And I don't say this because I'm so attached to the academic environment that any alternative brings tears to my eyes. I simply cannot remember what made life tick for me before I set off on my 17-year educational journey.

Perhaps I'll wander around aimlessly, filling my time with naps, snacks, coloring and trips to the park once I've walked the stage and wrapped my fingers around a diploma cover.

Stranger things have happened, and reverting to life as a 4-year-old seems like one of the safest ways to survive in the real world. On the other hand, becoming a childish bum is possibly not one of the top 10 ways to put my journalism degree to use.

So I guess it's back to finding a job and surviving without class times, institutional food (soy burgers anyone?) or plastic rest mats (yes, we still have

those in college—they're called residence hall mattresses).

And it's not that I do not want to be an adult. College gives most of us a small taste of what we will work with once we settle into our desired careers, and this appetizer drives us to plunge into a main course, if at all possible.

I guess there is just a part of me that has secretly loved the structure and security of school ever since I sat in a circle and listened to my kindergarten teacher sing our daily repertoire of morning welcome songs.

And there is a part of me that misses the time when the biggest worries were who to sit by, who to play with and what color to make Santa Clause's construction paper hat. I remember having so many years of school in my future that I didn't bother to look forward as I climbed to the top of a slide or chased other kids across our asphalt playground.

Northwest welcomed me to the Uni-

One repeated U.S. concern is that our service men and women could be taken in front of the court. This won't be a concern as long as we're willing to investigate our own troops in extreme cases of war crimes.

A similar but unspoken concern may be for higher-level U.S. officials like Henry Kissinger, who has been implicated for his leading role in the violent overthrow of a democratically elected leader in Chile. First, Kissinger and other alleged past offenders could not be tried in the ICC; the court's jurisdiction is not retroactive. Second, if we are willing to investigate and try top-level officials, the ICC will never come into play in such cases.

Another U.S. worry could simply be publicity. For example the United States openly supported Hussein for years, and even increased aid to him after he used chemical weapons against his own people. If a former U.S. beneficiary like Saddam is tried in the ICC, it could be a public relations disaster for our government as crimes committed with U.S. support come to light internationally. Perhaps an ICC trial would help to ensure that we would be more careful choosing our beneficiaries.

As the criminal justice director for Human Rights Watch said recently, "There's been so little holding to account on so many horrific offences and crimes committed around the world this changes all that." The United States needs to be a part of that change.

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OUR VIEW

No voice

Student Senate failed to gather student opinion with their decision to support arming officers

For months, students, faculty and administration have been debating the issue of arming Campus Safety officers. And what's the consensus? According to Student Senate, the student body is in favor of our Campus Safety officers carrying guns. On April 9, Student Senate voted to support the arming of Campus Safety 12 - 9.

Student Senate serves University students as their voice to the administration. Yet, they voted in favor of arming officers when presented with clear evidence students felt otherwise.

Senate received a proposal from the Young Democrats, supported by seven other student organizations, that recommended an investigation into non-lethal alternatives to firearms. Bearcat Voice, a student political organization, also submitted a resolution to not support arming Campus Safety. The College of Arts and Sciences Student Advisory Committee conducted several interviews of students and concluded that the majority of students were not in favor of the proposal.

Despite the information presented, Senate voted in favor of a resolution supporting the arming of Campus Safety.

Their evidence of support among students for Campus Safety came in the form of individual senators' research. According to Senate members, a good senator will talk to fellow students and gather their own constituents' opinions.

Some senators sent e-mails to groups of students and some simply talked to students in their classes. From these informal chats, they concluded that the student body wanted Campus Safety to be armed.

Senate also received a presentation from Campus Safety and had the option, as did the rest of the student body, of attending town hall meetings to ask questions and receive information.

The issue is obviously a controversial one with strong opinions on either side. It's also an important one that needs to be examined closely by those with the power to affect its passage. Because of these factors, Senate should have made more of an effort to find out what students wanted.

Since the issue is so controversial, the meeting involving the issue could have been advertised more. Even some of the senators didn't know about it. A quorum call was invoked in order to get two-thirds of the Senate there to vote.

Senators are representatives of the student body, which means they reflect the opinions and choices of students. They do not make a decision that they, as individuals, think is right. They are elected by their constituents to give them a voice, not make their choices for them. Senators should be involved because they genuinely want to work for the good of the students, not because it looks good on their résumés.

However, the relationship between Student Senate and the student body is not one-sided. Students also need to let their representatives know what they want. Senate meetings are open to the public and take place at 7 p.m. every Tuesday in the Board Room of the Union. The Senate Web page also provides contact information for each senator.

Students have a right to be heard and represented fairly to University administration. Through outlets such as student government, Bearcat Voice and other student organizations, even letters to the editor, student opinions can and should be expressed.

YOUR VIEW

What do you think of splitting commencement into two ceremonies?



"I think they should have two ceremonies because it allows more families and friends to come, and students have more tickets to give out."

Brandy Sonnichsen
Management major



"I can see the problem because there are too many people. It is a good idea, but personally I would like to have one big ceremony."

Erin Coffelt
Business management major



"Some of my friends didn't even go to the ceremony because there were too many people. If they can spread into two commencements, I think more people are coming."

Jon Dothage
Management major



"I think it is a good idea because students can save time, and they don't have to wait for many people. The capacity of Bearcat Arena is limited, so all families and relatives can't be in the ceremony."

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CORRECTIONS

In the April 11 issue of *The Northwest Missourian*, Alissa Walters was incorrectly identified as being from Sacramento State University in California in the story "Dancers ready for spring show." Alissa Walters is an assistant professor of voice at San Francisco State University.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

■ Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, noon and 8 p.m., Wesley Center
 ■ Master Gardener class, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Nodaway County Extension Center
 ■ "Pop Justice" and "Lives on Hiatus," 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Studio
 ■ Campus Crusade for Christ, 9 p.m., Colden Hall 3500

MONDAY

■ Final Exams
 ■ Earth Day
 ■ Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, noon, Wesley Center
 ■ Geo Club Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Garrett Strong 1290
 ■ Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 7 p.m., Wesley Center
 ■ Eating Disorders Self-Help/Support Group meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., Colden Hall 2630

FRIDAY

■ High School Quad State Track Meet, Rickenbrode Stadium
 ■ Art Department Pottery Sale, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Fine Arts building
 ■ Celebration spring show, 8 p.m., Mary Linn Auditorium
 ■ SAC Museum Camp-Over, Omaha, Neb.

TUESDAY

■ Final Exams

SATURDAY

■ Maryville High School Prom
 ■ Better-Than-Average Used Book Sale, noon-3 p.m., Maryville Public Library
 ■ Seventh Annual Abbey Trails 5K Run/Walk, 9 a.m., Conception Abbey
 ■ Praxis, 8 a.m., Colden Hall third floor
 ■ NW Area 4-H Shooting Sports Safety Clinic, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Community Building, Ravenwood

WEDNESDAY

■ Final Exams
 ■ Administrative Professionals' Day

SUNDAY

■ Fifth Annual Home-Based Business Expo, noon-3 p.m., Nodaway County Senior Center

THURSDAY

■ Final Exams
 ■ Student Payday
 ■ Nodaway County 4-H Special Activities and Achievement Day Committee meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Center, Maryville
 ■ Maryville Middle School Track Meet, 4:30 p.m., Middle School

PUBLIC SAFETY

April 14
 ■ An officer received a report from a male that his wallet had been lost in the 600 block of West Thompson.

■ While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle turn out of a parking lot without using a turn signal, then drift into the oncoming lane of traffic. The vehicle was stopped in the 500 block of North Market. The driver of the vehicle was identified as James V. Else, 22, Maryville. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested

for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a summons for failing to signal a turn.

BIRTHS

Hayli Nicole Goff

Brian and Tammi Goff, Burlington Junction, are the parents of Hayli Nicole, born March 27 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and joins siblings Kolby and Spencer.

Her maternal grandparents are Debbie Wilson, Burlington Junction, and Danny Copeland, Maryville. Paternal grandparents

are Roger and Connie Goff, Burlington Junction.

Paternal great-grandparents are Mary Ann Farrens, Burlington Junction, and Wilma Goff, Burlington Junction.

Cayden Cole Saxton

Sheldon and Kelli Saxton, Maryville, are the parents of Cayden Cole, born April 5 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and joins one sibling, Tristen Lee.

Maternal grandparents are Leslie Riney, Maryville, and Ed and JoAnn Lineville, Maryville. Paternal grandparents are Dan and Cathy Saxton, Bolckow.

Maternal great-grandparents are

Dorothy Linville, Burlington Junction, and James and Dorothy Smith, Maryville. Paternal great-grandparents are Martha and Jim Gaukle and Phyllis and Audrey Heck.

Darren Patrick Hetzler

Mark and Dana Hetzler, Maryville, are the parents of Darren Patrick, born April 5 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 10 pounds, 3 ounces and joins one sister, Conner Brienne.

Maternal grandparent is Betty Mansfield, Paris, Ill. Paternal grandparents are David and Judy Hetzler, Robinson, Ill.

Paternal great-grandparent is Elnora Hetzler, Stoy, Ill.

Blind date



PHOTO BY ALYSHA KEITH/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
 Pat Ohair and Craig James, members of Tau Kappa Epsilon volunteered to participate in the fraternity's Date Auction Saturday. The Date Auction is an annual fundraiser for the fraternity.

Wyatt Wayne O'Riley

Anthony and Deandra O'Riley, Clearmont, are the parents of Wyatt Wayne, born April 5 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and joins two siblings, Breann and Keagan.

Maternal grandparents are Ronald and Sandy Cogdill, Excelsior Springs. Paternal grandparents are John and Janice O'Riley, Hopkins.

Aziah Rhae Smalley

Michelle Smalley, Clarinda, Iowa, is the parent of Aziah Rhae, born April 8 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and joins one sister, Mercedez.

Maternal grandparents are Deb and Kelvin Kirchner, Braddyville, Iowa, and Ed and Peggy Smalley, Clarinda, Iowa.

Maternal great-grandparents are

Gretchen Kirchner, Braddyville, Iowa, James and Donna Askey, Red Oak, Iowa, and Robert and Margo Noell, Nebraska City, Neb.

DEATHS

Pauline Peve Skelton

Pauline Peve Skelton, 98, Maryville, died April 12 at Parkdale Manor Nursing Home.

She was born July 21, 1903, to Marion and Viola Bloomer Pace in Lincoln County, Kan.

She is survived by one son, Maurice Peve; one granddaughter, Pamela Peve Alford; one great-grandson, Timothy Smith; one step-son, Jim Skelton; one step-daughter, Sara Kay Skelton; three step-grandchildren and seven step-great-grandchildren.

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BEEFIN' UP THE BULL

New agriculture technology using ultrasound creates new career, opportunities allows students, teachers to learn more about feeding time, special breeding, readiness of animals for market



Senior Wayne Long, who performs research with the CPEC Sorting System, makes sure the computer read outs of the data taken by the body composition probe are accurate. "When I collect the image, I can look at it and I have to think, 'what's the best image?'" Long said.

By ANN HARMAN
FEATURES EDITOR

Anyone who thought ultrasound was just for expecting mothers needs to see the light - or rather hear the sound. A new program in the department of agriculture offers a tasty treat for consumers and economical value to "the fat of the calf."

While everyone who loves steak would also love no fat, creating a tender, juicy, flavorful steak without those is a difficult feat. However, a new computer program, the Cattle Performance Evaluation Company Sorting System, offers a way to increase accuracy in determining a calf's maturity and ensure a higher market value of the animals.

However, the same technology that allows doctors to monitor a baby in the womb is aiding the agriculture department in monitoring the progress of calves intended for market. Developed by John Brethour, agriculture professor at Kansas State University and program donor to Northwest, the sorting system is one more tally in agriculture technology's favor.

Senior Wayne Long, who performs extensive work and research with the program, said the new tool is another addition to the already high use of technology in agriculture.

"Using the ultrasound equipment is the forefront in the technology in the beef industry," Long said. Using the ultrasound equipment

for cattle is the same as using it for an expectant mother. A cattle farmer or feedlot operator runs an ultrasound along the loin eye of a calf. An image of the back shows the size of the loin eye and the thickness of the layer of fat on the animal's back.

In addition, a body composition probe processes data through the sorting system and tells the user how much marbling, or interspersed fat, is in the muscle.

"The tenderness of a steak really depends a lot on how long that calf has been in the feedlot," said agriculture professor Dennis Padgett. "With the fat interspersed in it, the muscle fibers are more tender."

Knowing the thickness of the fat layer helps cattle farmers determine the market value of their animals. Less fat equals less wasted material, creating a larger profit and a better quality meat.

The amount of marbling is important because it tells the farmer or feedlot owner how much longer a particular animal will need to be on feed to be ready for market. He can then sort the cattle according to the number of days left.

Long first came across the program during his sophomore year at Northwest while researching for a composition paper. The benefits the program offered immediately intrigued him and he decided to find out more about it.

"I was interested in the ultrasound technology," Long said. "I followed up on seeing how it was used in commercial aspects."

Due to high cost and the high amount of labor needed for the program, it is too early to determine whether or not the program will directly benefit the agriculture industry at the small-farm level. However, Long said he has gained a lot of experience and knowledge.

"I've had contacts with many people - Dr. Brethour, being the person that designed the system, and other ultrasound technicians," Long said.

The main benefactors of the program are farmers at the commercial level. Long said the ultimate goal is to produce identical carcasses to ensure a higher market quality.

"If I can help a marketer make a unit carcass, the benefit would be to place that carcass within the marketing grid of quality," Long said.

Long would like to pursue a position as an associate professor working with technicians already in the field; however, since this is a new area, finding one is difficult.

Because of Long's continued interest in the field and his desire to learn more, his solution is to meet with Brethour in Hayes, Kan., to further research.

"I'd like to keep working on this," Long said. "I'd like to be an ultrasound technician with CPEC."

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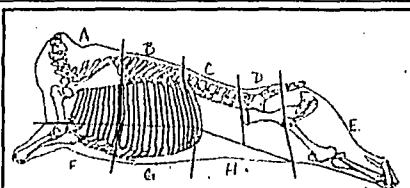


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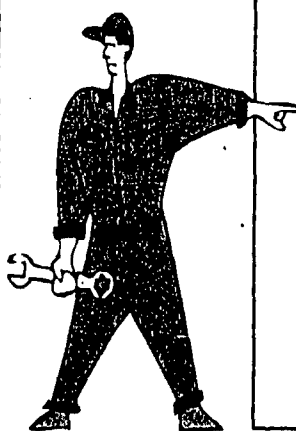


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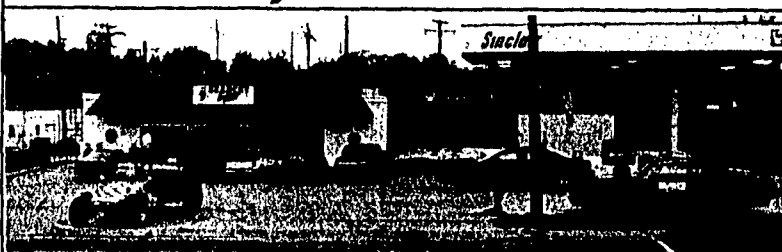
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Northwest baseball

Bearcats unable to find their groove

By JUSTIN BUSH
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

With 14 games left in the season, the Northwest baseball team has already matched their season win total from last year but the team has not been on the winning side as of late.

Wednesday afternoon the 'Cats faced off against the Rockhurst Hawks in a non-conference matchup.

Going into the seventh inning the game remained scoreless. The Hawks managed to put one run on the board to take the lead.

Junior John Bothof led off the bottom of the inning with a solo blast to left field to tie the game at one run apiece.

The Hawks ran away with the game in the top of the eighth scoring five runs before retiring the 'Cats in order in the bottom of the inning to hold on to the 6-1 victory.

The Bearcats didn't have much success in the second game of the doubleheader losing 8-5.

The 'Cats opened up a three-game series against the Pittsburg State Gorillas starting with a doubleheader at Bearcat Field Saturday.

The 'Cats pitching staff had a rough outing in game one as a total of six wild pitches allowed two runs for the Gorillas.

The 'Cats scored their first and only run of the game in the sixth inning, dropping game one by a score of 3-1.

In game two the 'Cats jumped out to an early two-run lead in the bottom of the first inning.

The Gorillas came back with a vengeance in the third, as they scored six runs off six hits including a grand slam to take a 6-2 lead.

Northwest answered back in the bottom of the inning, scoring four runs to tie the score at six runs apiece.

In the fifth inning, the Gorillas came back to score another two runs to go ahead and claim the 8-6 victory.

"We are kind of in a little slide right now," head coach Darin Loe said. "We need to find a way to get out of that. We are playing close enough for those close losses, but we are far enough along in the season that any of those conference losses are going to kill us later on down the road."

The 'Cats took the field against the Gorillas once again hoping to avoid the sweep Sunday.

The 'Cats scored in the first inning, but then Pitt State came back scoring three runs in the third to take a 4-1 lead.

The 'Cats fought back scoring one run in the bottom of the third inning and another run in the fourth to trail by one.

In the fifth inning, Mike Ruff drove in John Sipes for the second run of the inning, giving the 'Cats a 5-4 lead. The 'Cats scored again in the inning and added another run in the sixth inning.

In the top of the eighth inning, Pitt State scored again to narrow the lead to within two runs. With the help of a two-run shot by junior Willie Ciaramitaro, Northwest added three insurance runs in the bottom of the inning.

The insurance runs proved to be just that as the Gorillas scored five unearned runs off of two hits and three errors by the 'Cats to tie the game.

In the bottom of the ninth Ciaramitaro hit a three-run walk-off homer to avoid the sweep.

"Even though we didn't play extremely well, we got a big win Sunday," Loe said. "We are moving into a must-win situation in our conference games and that was a big one for us."

Northwest's record now stands at 21-21 overall and 10-8 in the conference.

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	VS.	
Northwest Rockhurst	1, 5	6, 8
Bearcats fall in non-conference action		



PHOTO BY LAURA SECK/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Senior first baseman Zac Ruff misses an attempt for a bunt in the Bearcat's 13-10 over Pittsburg State Sunday. The 'Cats were in a must-win situation Sunday after dropping two games to the Gorillas Saturday 3-1 and 8-6.



PHOTO BY LAURA SECK/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
This year's international members of the tennis teams include from front right to left: Pricilla Lania, Adriana Hernandez, Rosa Tapia, Gorka Sanchez, J.J. Mulwanda, Jon Sanchez, Michal Zamiatala, assistant coach Kornel Romada and head coach Mark Rosewell. The team consists of four members from Europe, three from Latin America and one member from Africa. Although each member comes from countries where soccer reigns as the top sport, they have gone outside the norm to pick up the game of tennis.

Netters serve their country proud

International players put 'Cats in position for back-to-back MIAA titles

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest men's and women's tennis teams are in the run for two more MIAA titles this season. Both teams have had contributions from all players, but it is the international players who are leading the way.

Four of the eight players on the men's side and three of the eight on the women's side come to Northwest from homes outside the United States.

Head coach Mark Rosewell always has a difficult task when it comes to recruiting. He will look around the world for players. He said recruiting players from outside the United States can be tough.

Both teams' No. 1 players are international students, Jon Sanchez of Algorta, Spain, for the men and Rosa Tapia of Lima, Peru, for the women.

Jon Sanchez played club tennis in Spain before he left for Florida to learn English for four months.

Even though soccer (called football internationally) is the biggest sport in his country, Jon decided to go with a sport he would enjoy more.

"My parents, especially my father, always played tennis and my brother," Jon said. "I like it so that's how I started playing it."

Jon Sanchez, at 13-2 on the season, is not the only player from Spain on the team, nor the only Sanchez on the team. His brother, Gorka, at 9-5 this season, has been a big contributor to the team's success this season.

Gorka also played club tennis in Spain before he left for Florida to learn English. Gorka found the biggest difference in American tennis from tennis in Spain was the courts.

"Everything we play is clay courts," Gorka said. "Coming here I had to play courts that are a lot faster."

Gorka said he enjoyed the clay courts better because they are slower.

In his first season, Michal Zamiatala has adjusted quickly to Division II tennis. He hails from Krakow, Poland, and stands at 8-7 this year. Zamiatala not only played tennis in Poland, but all over Europe.

Zamiatala said he likes everything in the United States except for the weather.

"The weather here sucks," he said. "It's the worst weather I've ever seen. You never know what you can expect. In the morning you wear a T-shirt because the sun is out and then one hour later it is snowing."

J.J. Mulwanda from Lusaka, Zambia, was offered a Northwest scholarship to play after sending Rosewell a tape of himself in club tennis action in his home

country. Winning the No. 5 singles championship last year as a freshman, Mulwanda showed he could adjust to the college game quickly.

"It wasn't too hard because I understood what it took for me and the team to win," he said. "It was just getting used to everyone hitting harder."

Unlike the men who hail from Europe, the women hail from the south. Tapia is from Lima, Peru and stood at 14-4 after the weekend.

She finished second in the MIAA championship last season and is confident she can take it another step.

Tapia had good contacts on her way to Northwest. She found out about Rosewell and Northwest tennis through a friend.

Just like the men, Tapia had to adjust to the fast courts at Northwest.

"I like the hard courts better," she said. "There is more strategy on clay courts and on the hard courts you can hit hard."

Adriana Hernandez from Mexico City stands at 13-6. Rosewell found Hernandez after a recruiting trip he took to Mexico.

Unlike her teammates, Hernandez did not pick up on the sport until she was 15 years old. During her teen years she played club tennis and participated in regionals and nationals.

Northwest tennis

Bearcats aim for MIAA titles

By MATT KENNEDY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The 'Cats are attempting to do what no other school in MIAA history has done before for the fifth time.

No other school besides Northwest has ever won both men and women's MIAA championships in the same year.

The 'Cats did it in 1987, 1996, 1997 and 2001.

At the MIAA Championship Tournament in Springfield, running Thursday through Saturday, the 'Cats will try again.

The men have not lost a MIAA match in two years and are currently 15-6, 5-0 in the conference.

The ladies have only lost one MIAA match each of the following years and are 15-10, 5-1 in the conference.

In addition, the men have a total of 13 MIAA championships. The women's total stands at seven.

These totals set records in the MIAA in total championships for both teams. Furthermore, current head coach Mark Rosewell has won more championships than any coach in Northwest's history in any sport.

The tournament pits each of the six individual and three doubles' flights from each school against each other to determine individual and doubles champions.

Points are awarded on individual placings and are compiled to determine team champions.

"The team that wins will be the team that plays the best and scores the most points in each flight,"

Rosewell said. "It will be a team with good depth that wins. A couple great players on a team won't do it."

Several individuals on the 'Cat squad are seeded first in the tournament, allowing a bye in the first round.

Included on the men's team are juniors Jon Sanchez and Jarrod Smith, sophomore J.J. Mulwanda and freshman Zack Keith.

Seeded first for the women are junior Adrianna Hernandez and sophomores Rosa Tapia and Sara Lipira.

Even with their past success, the 'Cats are not going into the tournament overly confident.

"We have a chance to win it again, but a lot of things will have to happen," Rosewell said. "But there is always a chance."

In recent action, both teams fell to Graceland University Tuesday in Lamoni, Iowa. The men lost 5-1, the women, 5-2.

The 'Cats participated in the Central Oklahoma Tournament over the weekend, facing several top 25 ITA-ranked teams.

The men fell to Cameron University Thursday, 5-1, and then defeated West Texas, 5-1, before losing to Midwestern, 5-0 Friday.

The women also fell to Cameron Thursday, 5-0, before defeating East Central Oklahoma 5-0, and falling to Eastern New Mexico 5-1, Friday.

Saturday's games were cancelled due to rain.

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PHOTO BY LAURA SECK/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Junior infielder Erica Hammontree throws the ball to her teammates during Monday's practice. The Bearcats are coming off a weekend where they saw their hopes to win the MIAA dwindle.

Northwest softball

'Cats lose three of four

By CHRISTOPHER THOMAS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

After losing three out of four over the weekend, the Northwest softball squad now finds itself 4-5 in the MIAA conference. Constant errors in the field and missed opportunities nullified some good pitching efforts by senior Alison Adkins.

The women played two doubleheaders over the weekend, the first against Pittsburg State.

In game one, the 'Cats developed a 2-0 lead early in the game. After junior Kelly Carter's steal of home and sophomore Melissa Nimmo's RBI single in the top of the third, the 'Cats gave Adkins little room to work with.

After cutting the lead to 2-1 in the bottom of the fifth, Adkins plunked the lead-off batter, Brigitte Hull, in the bottom of the sixth. The Gorillas were able to bring home Hull with two costly errors by the Bearcat fielders.

The game proceeded into extra innings until the bottom of the 11th, when Mandy Fasco of the Gorillas reached second base after a dropped third strike. With no outs, Fasco on a sacrifice was able to advance to third and then was driven in by a sac fly, which won the game 3-2.

"This loss was a tough one," head coach Pam Knox said. "We were up 2-0 and we were done in because of errors. Alison only gave up three hits and we left people on base in scoring position."

The 'Cats rebounded in game two. Freshman Tara Risetter and sophomore Angie McCoy stepped up.

McCoy drove in the first run of the game with a RBI double. After scoring another run in the fifth, Risetter jacked her third homerun of the year in the top of the seventh.

Shelley MacDonald proceeded to complete a shutout of Pittsburg State and winning her sixth game of the season, 3-0.

After their stint in Pittsburg, the 'Cats faced Missouri Southern in another doubleheader Saturday.

After committing two errors in the bottom of the second inning, the 'Cats gave the Lions a 3-0 lead early. However, defensive problems continued in the fifth. Three errors yielded the Lions their fourth run of the game, the third unearned run given up by the 'Cats.

The good pitching effort by Adkins was lost in Southern's 4-0 victory. After pitching her second complete game of the weekend, Adkins found her record slip to 3-6 on the season.

In the second game, the 'Cats found themselves in a 2-0 hole early.

After another Bearcat error in the third, Southern was able to extend their lead to 4-0 by a two-run single. In the top of the fifth inning, Northwest put on a two-out rally with singles by Carter and junior Erica Hammontree. Then Risetter stepped up to the plate and delivered a three-run blast to narrow the deficit to 4-3. That would be the final score as the Bearcats were unable to come back.

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The Northwest Missourian's 2001-2002

Coach/Athletes of the year

Men's coach wins award second straight year

By BILL KNUST
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

After the 2000-01 basketball season, men's head coach Steve Tappmeyer had taken the University and Maryville community on a ride and many wondered what Tappmeyer had up his sleeve for an encore this season.

Little did they know the encore would be better than the original performance. Tappmeyer locked down an MIAA regular season and tournament title, a South Central Region championship and a berth in the Elite Eight Tournament.

For these accomplishments Tappmeyer has earned *The Northwest Missourian's* Coach of the Year award for the second straight year.

Tappmeyer's team competed in several big games this year and the coach picked up his 250th win, and while that was a milestone, another

STEVE
TAPPMAYER

there were a lot of people aware that it was my 250th win, but really, those things don't mean as much as championships."

Championships were abundant in the program this year. The team swept through the MIAA season sharing the regular season conference crown with Missouri Western

game might have been a little more special, he said.

"Two fifty-one was a lot more special because that is when we locked up the conference," Tappmeyer said.

"I know the time when we got to 250

before beating the Griffons in St. Joseph for the MIAA Tournament Championship. The 'Cats also played their way to the Elite Eight by winning the South Central Region.

Three seniors played a vital role in making that happen and it will not be easy to replace them, Tappmeyer said.

"It's really a two-fold answer," Tappmeyer said. "Everybody coming back, we have to make sure they are a better player and come back hungry and do all the team things. As a coaching staff, we have to bring the right people in here and fill those spots."

In the past two seasons, Tappmeyer's teams have amassed 53 wins and only nine losses. He has also been to the MIAA Tournament finals the past five seasons, the NCAA Division II National Tourna-

ment three of the past four seasons, the South Central Region finals the past two seasons and the Elite Eight this year.

So the question needs to be asked, has Tappmeyer been approached by any Division I schools looking for a new coach?

"No, not at this point," Tappmeyer said. "It has been kind of a lean year as far as job openings at that level. There hasn't been very many openings and the ones that are open seemed to have filled pretty quickly."

That is good news for Bearcat fans who can expect to see Tappmeyer for at least one more year patrolling the sidelines with the trademark green towel slung over his shoulder.

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Northwest male & female athletes of the year

Freshman, sophomore bring home the honors in '02

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

Youth has been a trend in many Northwest athletic programs this year. It should be no surprise that this year's *Northwest Missourian* Athletes of the Year are only a freshman and a sophomore.

Freshman Jamaica Rector and sophomore Rosa Tapia have shown they can contribute to their teams' success in a big way even if they are two of the youngest athletes on their teams.

"He adapted very well," said Mel Tjeerdsma, football head coach. "At first he was trying to do a little too much but he settled down, got into the rhythm of things and gained confidence."

Rector made a bang early in the year with dominant performances during the season as a wideout. He led the team in all-purpose yardage with 1,634 yards, 1,081 of them on 61 receptions. Many oppo-

nents got used to seeing the back of Rector's jersey as he scored 10 touchdowns.

The only thing that stopped Rector was a severe knee injury against Central Missouri State at the end of the season.

This spring, Rector left his mark on the track. At the Indoor National Championship Meet in Boston, Rector placed third in the long jump and 11th in the triple jump.

Rector's mother influenced him to run track in the spring since she at one time was a sprinter as well.

"What motivated me to run track was my mom," he said. "She always told me to do what I can do."

This year's female athlete of the year has given nightmares to many of her opponents, especially in conference play where she has yet to lose.

Tapia is seeded No. 1 on the women's tennis team this spring.

After placing second in the MIAA conference championship last year, she is hoping to do one notch better this season.

Head coach Mark Rosewell said Tapia is very deserving of the award.

Tapia at one time this season was ranked 48th in the nation in Division II. Through last weekend, she stood at 14-4 in singles and 17-3 in doubles with her partner Adriana Hernandez.

Although just a sophomore, Tapia has no problem carrying the team along with other teammates.

"I think there is pressure," Tapia said. "Our team was better last year, so there has been a lot of pressure on me and Adriana."

Tapia enjoyed her first season as a freshman, but is now having the time of her life as a sophomore.

"Last year I had more matches, but I think I'm having more fun this year," she said.



Redshirt freshman Jamaica Rector, the Male Athlete of the Year heads to the end zone for one of his 10 touchdowns.

Missourian's TOP TEN Games of the Year

1. Northwest vs. Mo. West series in men's basketball
Not necessarily a single game but all three defined this series. The teams shared the regular season title by winning on each team's own floor. The 'Cats won the MIAA Tournament by winning at Mo. West and finally winning the MIAA Tournament after four straight runner-up finishes.

2. Northwest 64 - Mo. West 63, women's basketball
The 'Cats were the heavy underdog heading into their home matchup with the Griffs. After being blown out at Western, the 'Cats jumped out to a 7-0 lead and scrapped and clawed the rest of the game. Tanesha Fields' leaner in the lane with little time to go clinched it for the 'Cats and sent the capacity crowd into a frenzy, easily making it the best game the 'Cats played all year.

3. Northwest 35 - Pitt State 31, football
Trailing by 14 points at the half, Northwest stormed back in the second half picking up their third consecutive victory on a field nobody wins at except the Bearcats.

4. Northwest 79 - Rockhurst 73, men's basketball
A hard fought game that was not the prettiest Bearcat game of the year, but it definitely was the sweetest. After losing in last year's region final, the 'Cats knocked off the Hawks in a hard fought game. While the 'Cats did not trail the second half, the Hawks never let the 'Cats get comfortable.

5. Northwest 36 - Central Missouri State 37, football
For three quarters this game was an offensive slugfest that saw the 'Cats hold the edge, and freshman Jamaica Rector put on a show. Then a punt return that turned into a season-ending injury for Rector put the breaks on the 'Cats. Until the injury, Rector had caught eight passes for 204 yards and scored three touchdowns.

6. Northwest 2 - Central Missouri State 0, softball
The 'Cats rode Morgan McGinnis to a 2-0 win in 15 innings. Finally, in the 15th, the 'Cats got two runs and McGinnis shut down the Jennies in the bottom of the inning to preserve the victory.

7. Northwest 81 - Emporia State 66, women's basketball
Early in the year the 'Cats went to Emporia State and beat the Hornets by 15. Emporia was ranked No. 6 in the country at the time and the 'Cats led the entire game.

8. Northwest 2 - Southwest Baptist 1, soccer
The 'Cats wrapped up their season in spectacular fashion. They defeated Southwest Baptist in double overtime when reserve goalkeeper Danielle Lawless knocked home a goal after 107 minutes of action.

9. Northwest 13 - Pitt State 10, baseball
The 'Cats got out to an early lead and held it until the top of the ninth. Leading 10-5 with two outs, the 'Cats gave up five runs and look to be heading to extra innings, until Willie Ciaramitaro crushed a three-run homer to end the game and saved the 'Cats' confidence.

10. Northwest vs. Mo. West, volleyball
Something about Mo. West brings out the best in the Bearcats. This night was no different. Although the 'Cats fell in five sets, Krista Newman had a career night for the 'Cats. She hit a blistering .490 and smacked a career-high 29 kills in 49 attempts.

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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Junior shortstop Willie Ciaramitaro helped in a big way in the Bearcats' 13-10 win over Pitt State on Sunday going 4 for 5 at the plate with five RBIs and four runs. He hit two homeruns, one of them the game winner in the ninth

Willie Ciaramitaro

'Hounds' senior Matt Kelly earned another victory on the mound last Thursday pitching a complete game and striking out 10 in the team's 3-1 victory over Savannah. He only allowed two hits.

Matt Kelly

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What is your favorite
moment in Northwest
athletics?



"My favorite
sporting event
was when we
destroyed
Truman State
in basketball."
Tyler Crawford
Physical
education major



"Back to back
national
football
champion-
ships in
Florence,
Ala."
David Easterla
Biology
professor



"That women
are one more
year closer to
getting the golf
club team into
a varsity sport."
Sue Scholten
Marketing major



"When I saw
an American
football game
for the first
time in my life.
It was a totally
new experi-
ence and I
have come to
love that sport."
Kshitij Ray
Computer
science major

Maryville golf

Three-peat not out of question for 'Hounds

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

Senior Brian Prokes found out what it is like going against competition that wants to win big.

Prokes, who finished second in last year's class 3-A state meet, found himself finishing ninth in the William Jewel meet at the beginning of the month, a place that Prokes does not find himself in very often. He is used to placing at the top.

Now Prokes has picked it back up, finishing third place a week ago in the triangular against Chillicothe and Benton with a score of 43.

Prokes is not the only one running into tough competition, the entire team is. The competition sees the opportunity to beat the state's best and tries to take advantage of it.

"It's a great feeling to have, other people wanting to beat us," senior Trent Twaddle said. "Other teams don't think we are as strong as we have been but I think we are."

Junior Adam Schultz agrees. "It gives you a lot more confidence to know that they are gunning for you and only you," Schultz said. "Lots of teams want to beat us, beat Maryville."

The varsity team is made up of Schultz alongside seniors Twaddle,

Prokes and Clinton Talmadge, and junior Lucas Larson.

"We have to go play our own game," Twaddle said. "There is no question we can do it (win state)."

Twaddle became the team's top player this year, finishing many tournaments in the top three.

The team was dealt a severe blow due to the departures of Matt VanCleave and Nick Thompson to graduation. Even with the losses, head coach Tom Alvarez still thinks this team is capable of winning a third state title in a row.

"They are motivated to win the tournament this year because in the past everyone felt the team revolved around Matt and Nick," he said. "They want to prove they deserve to be state champions as well as the guys from the previous years."

Prokes, Twaddle and Larson return from last year's state title run. As a sophomore, Larson went through growing pains, but said he is comfortable with the position he is in now.

"Last year I didn't play well because I was young and didn't have that much experience," Larson said. "This year I have put a lot more pressure on myself because I'm only

one of three returning."

Though pressure may not sound like the thing to have on a golfer's shoulders, these 'Hounds see it as a building block to success.

Alvarez said in order for the team to continue its success, it must find scoring from the five varsity players.

"We need to be more dependant trying to find a fourth scorer," Alvarez said. "We are looking for more consistency in the fourth and fifth spots."

Although golf is all about playing for yourself, the 'Hounds know how to win team titles and to them, that is the only important objective now.

"You have your whole life to play individually," Larson said. "In high school and college you got to play for your brothers."

Maryville golf is still at the top of its game and with a lot of young talent waiting to show their stuff, the competition will always be gunning for the 'Hounds. The team has put themselves on the map.

"People read the papers and they are associating Maryville with golf," Prokes said. "It's pretty cool that they know Maryville because of golf and what we've done."

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Maryville soccer

Wind not only problem for 'Hounds
Team has dropped last four games after 10-0 loss to St. Teresa's

By MATT KENNEDY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The 'Hounds are in a slump and are ready to get out.

Following four losses over the past week where they were outscored 21-3, the 'Hounds are attempting to get back on track in time for three important conference matches.

The 'Hounds fell to 3-6-2 Tuesday as they lost to St. Teresa's Stars in a windy match in Maryville.

The Stars started the first half playing into the wind, but were still able to score three goals before the half ended.

The 'Hounds were unable to score any goals in the half, a trend that followed them into the second period.

St. Teresa's took advantage of playing with the wind in the second half, scoring seven more goals to end the game early on a 10-point mercy rule.

Even with the 10-point shutout, the 'Hounds are not willing to let the loss foil their season.

"The girls worked hard and I'm really proud of them," head coach Stuart Collins said. "I hope we can just forget this game."

Over the weekend, the 'Hounds

fared no better in the Central Tournament, losing all three of their games.

The 'Hounds fell to the Central Bulldogs 4-0 Friday, and both the Lafayette Fighting Irish 4-3, and the Smithville Warriors, 3-0, Saturday.

Scoring goals against the Irish included senior Leah Taylor, junior Tiffany Robertson and sophomore Sarah Wynn.

Sophomore goalkeeper Ann Hagen had 24 saves during tournament play.

Though unsuccessful, the matches provided insight into some problem areas for the 'Hounds.

"We need to mark a little better, we're lacking in that direction right now," Collins said. "Also, our communication skills need a lot of honing. We need to let everyone know where we're going to be."

The 'Hounds will have an opportunity to seek revenge against two teams that defeated them in the tournament in the upcoming week.

The 'Hounds will face the Cameron Dragons at 4 p.m. Friday in Maryville, Smithville at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in Maryville, and Lafayette at 4 p.m. Tuesday in St. Joseph.

All three are conference matches.

Maryville is working hard games and are not willing to give up.

"We started out the season really strong," Collins said. "The last few games we've lacked a little teamwork. We need to get things back where they need to be, and I think we can do it."

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FALLING FAST

April 12
Central 4, Maryville 0

April 13
Lafayette 4, Maryville 3
Smithville 3, Maryville 0

April 16
St. Teresa's 10, Maryville 0

'Hounds have been outscored
21-3 in four straight losses.

FAN PLAN

Home games

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest baseball			Missouri-Rolla (DH) 1 p.m.	Missouri-Rolla noon			Truman State (DH) 1 p.m.
Northwest softball		Southwest Baptist (DH) 2:30 p.m.	Missouri-Rolla (DH) 1 p.m.				Missouri Western (DH) 2:30 p.m.
Northwest tennis		MIAA Championships @ Springfield TBA					
Northwest track			Doane Relays 11 a.m.				
Maryville girls' soccer		Cameron 4 p.m.			Smithville 4:30 p.m.	Lafayette 4 p.m.	
Maryville baseball		Pony Express Tour TBA			Benton 4:30 p.m.	LeBlond 4:30 p.m.	
Maryville track		NWMSU Quad State 9 a.m.				Platte Co. Invite 4 p.m.	
Maryville boys' tennis	Benton 4 p.m.				Savannah 4 p.m.		
Maryville boys' golf		Cameron Tour 8:30 a.m.				Maryville Tour 8:30 a.m.	Smithville/Benton 4 p.m.


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Stroller gives advice, thanks

Well, another semester has snuck by us all and I am ready for this one to be gone. But as usual I am struck with one last opinionated piece of writing to intrigue all of you. But this week it will be short and then I am going to pass on advice that I have so painfully learned through my few years here.

But first, the opinion. What is up with all the teachers thinking the week before finals is a good time to drop a bundle of tests in our laps? I have gotten pretty tired of having eight to 10 tests in the last two weeks of the semester. I honestly have to say it is the biggest amount of horse dung that I have seen in a while.

I understand they think they need to get in another test before the comprehensive final but for crying out loud, maybe it should have been done a week earlier. Then during the last week of classes they could maybe do all those little presentations and projects and take the proper time to grade them. Or maybe use that last week for some new material and a review of some of the older stuff. But don't give us freakin' tests the Friday before finals week.

Okay, moving on. There are some



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other things that I would like to pass on before I shake Hubbard's hand next Saturday. This might give away my secret identity, but those of you who know me have already put two and two together. Besides, I haven't said anything this semester that I wouldn't normally spout off anyway. Now, on to the advice.

Be careful in how you arrange your schedule and know what your limits are. I learned this the hard way this semester and it is never good to have to decide what to slack on. So, on that note I would like to thank the editors of this fine weekly for consistently putting up with my inconsistency and perpetually late work.

If you transferred into this quality school, make sure that your tran-

script is in order before the semester you try to graduate. Don't accidentally discover problems at the last minute. Get with your adviser and go over everything.

Don't be afraid to fight for what you want. If you had a goal coming into this place and you quickly see it fading away, do something about it. There are lots of different ways to get around something; exhaust all of those options before giving up. It is worth the extra work in the end. And you would be surprised where you will find the most help.

Finally, on a more personal note, thank you all for actually reading this senseless jabber of opinions and random thoughts every week. Especially those who actually took the time to write a letter to the paper to disagree with me, people need to see both sides of an issue. And thank you administration for continuing to make decisions that will better this school but will give Strollers of the future a lot of material to work with (like higher tuition next year). On that note, I am out of here forever and it was a pleasure serving you.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of *The Northwest Missourian*.

Thank You

The following people are retiring after having served Northwest Missouri State University for a combined 412 years.

Congratulations!

Dr. Betty Bush

Professor of Curriculum and Instruction
Aug. 24, 1983 - July 1, 2002 — 18 years, 10 months

Larry Cady

Bus Transportation Lead
Oct. 4, 1993 - Sept. 30, 2001 — 8 years

Tom Carneal

Associate Professor and Chairman of History/Humanities/Philosophy
Sept. 1, 1968 - July 31, 2002 — 33 years, 11 months

Dr. Gary Collins

Associate Professor of Health/Physical Education/Recreation/Dance
Aug. 24, 1978 - Aug. 1, 2001 — 23 years

Ramona Collins

Assistant Director of Human Resources
Aug. 21, 1984 - Jan. 31, 2002 — 17 years, 5 months

Dr. Charles Dodds

Assistant Professor of Geosciences
Aug. 15, 1988 - April 30, 2002 — 13 years, 8 months

Verlene Dougan

Secretary, Registrar's Office
March 1, 1971 - May 31, 2002 — 31 years, 3 months

Dr. Arnold Lindaman

Associate Professor of Educational Leadership
Aug. 15, 1989 - Jan. 1, 2002 — 12 years, 4 months

Ina Claire Lister

Instructor of Educational Leadership
Aug. 21, 1995 - July 31, 2002 — 6 years, 11 months

Dr. June McDonald

Professor of Music
Aug. 22, 1984 - April 30, 2002 — 17 years, 8 months

Dr. Kendall McDonald

Professor of Mathematics/Statistics
Aug. 25, 1975 - April 30, 2002 — 26 years, 8 months

Dr. Peggy Miller

Associate Professor of Family/Consumer Sciences
Sept. 1, 1969 - Dec. 31, 2001 — 32 years, 4 months

Myrna Read

Graduate Records Supervisor
Aug. 25, 1978 - Aug. 31, 2001 — 23 years

Sherri Reeves

Assistant Athletic Director
Aug. 25, 1969 - Aug. 31, 2001 — 32 years

Dr. Charles Schultz

Professor of Communication/Theatre Arts
Aug. 26, 1976 - July 31, 2002 — 25 years, 11 months

Dr. Patricia Bowers Schultz

Professor of Music
Aug. 27, 1981 - July 31, 2002 (off 1983-1984) — 20 years

Dr. Annette Weymuth

Executive Assistant to the President
Sept. 1, 1976 - Aug. 31, 2001 — 25 years

Dr. Rick Weymuth

Professor of Music
May 13, 1980 - June 30, 2001 — 21 years, 1 month

Randy Willis

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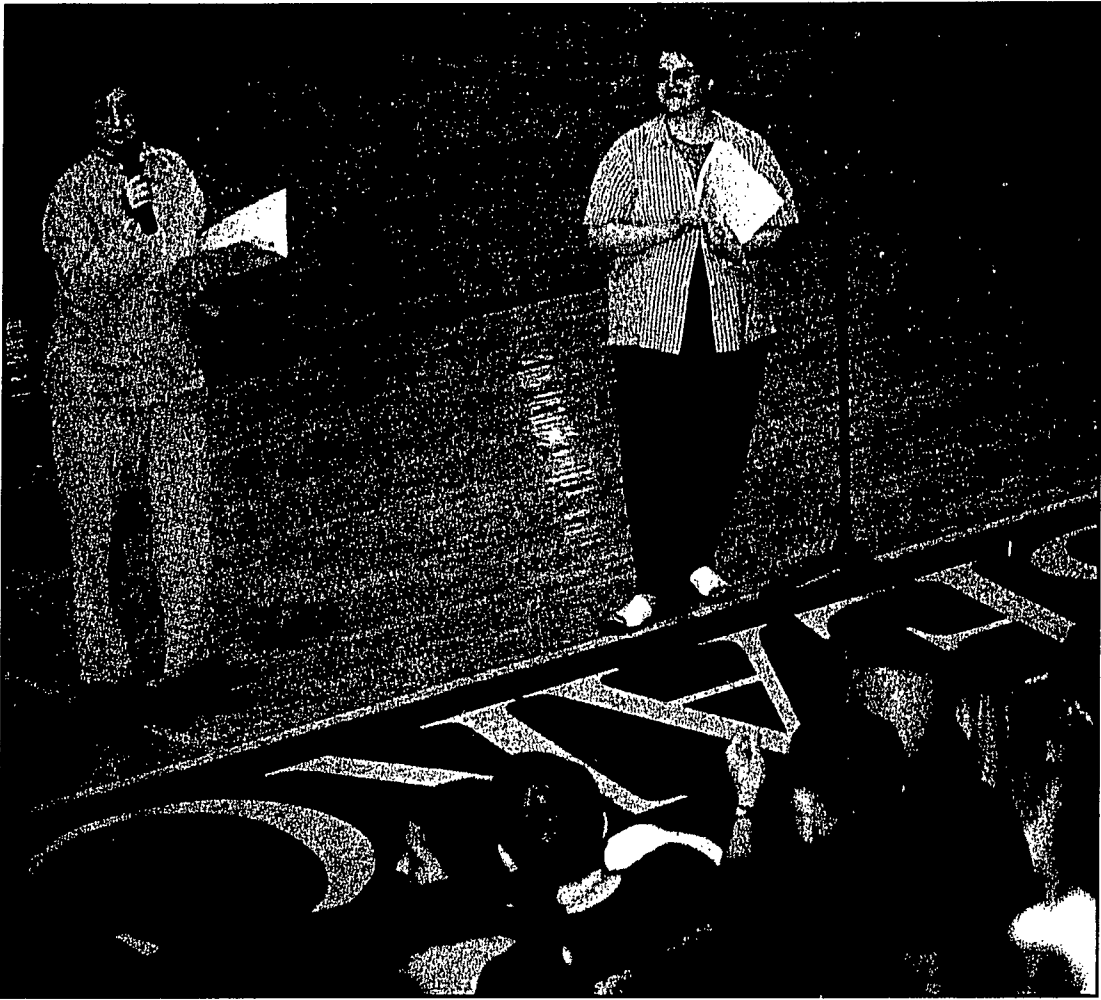


PHOTO BY LAURA SECK/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Registrar Linda Girard informs spring graduation candidates of the final steps they must take to walk with their classmates to receive diplomas. The commencement ceremonies will take place at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. April 27.

University makes attempt to fix graduation concerns

Seniors are offered two ceremonies to help accommodate guests this spring

By MICHELLE STACY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Northwest spring graduates will see some changes as they approach their upcoming commencement.

This spring, two ceremonies will take place for the graduates April 27 at Bearcat Arena.

Normally the University has one ceremony for spring graduates.

The first commencement will start at 10 a.m. for graduates from the Booth College of Business and Professional Studies, and master's, specialists and doctoral degree recipients. The second commencement will start at 3 p.m. for the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Education and Human Services graduates.

"Over the past few years there is just such an increasing number of graduates in the spring semester," commencement coordinator Gina Bradley said.

Bradley said with more than 600 students walking at graduation this trimester she knew something had to be done differently.

Another change to graduation this trimester is that guests will not need a ticket to attend the ceremony. Without the ticket requirement, graduates will be able to invite as many friends and family as they wish.

Bradley said the main reason for these changes was to accommodate graduates, because many times students do not have enough tickets for people they want to invite.

"I think having two ceremonies is great," said B.J. Snopek, graduating horticulture major. "I think the way they're doing it without tickets is cool because I can invite relatives and friends that really want to come."

As always, the ceremony will be shown via satellite in Charles Johnson Theatre if there is an overflow of guests.

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B.J. SNOPEK

GRADUATING HORTICULTURE MAJOR

"It's a comfortable place for people to go anyway," Bradley said. "It's a great place to take little kids or older people that can't get up in the bleachers to sit."

Bradley said she and Ken White, vice president of communication and marketing, have been discussing the change for the past year.

"The students seem very, very happy about the decision but I know you can't make everyone happy," Bradley said.

Bradley said even with the changes, graduation will last about two hours.

Broadway or bust

After graduating from Northwest in April theater major Brandon Thrasher plans to get his master's degree then become a Broadway lighting designer

By KARA SWINK
CHIEF REPORTER

For one graduating senior, theater has been his life's passion and Broadway has been his destination.

Theater major Brandon Thrasher came to Northwest four years ago from Park Hill High School in Kansas City, Mo. Since his arrival at the University, he has been involved with lighting and scene design. For the past three years, he has also been involved in Northwest's Dance Company.

Thrasher became involved in theater during his high school years and was named Best Actor his senior year. It did not take long before a decision was made to make Northwest his home.

"I looked at Southwest, but their theater department was just way too big," Thrasher said. "You also weren't guaranteed that you would be able to work your freshman or sophomore year."

After realizing his dilemma and pas-

sion for theater, Thrasher knew he could not wait two years to get started.

"I've been able to work doing dance, musicals and regular shows while here," he said.

During his first four weeks as a freshman, Thrasher helped with the Freshmen Transfer Showcase as a light board operator and helped with the lighting crew. He never looked back.

"Getting to work with all the people I've worked with over the last four years and the connections that I've made, and just working on all the shows has been the best experience," he said.

Last summer Thrasher had an internship with the Naples Dinner Theatre in Florida and realized things in the professional world differ very little from Northwest.

"A lot of times people think this is just educational theater and it's so much different once you get out in the real world, but sometimes it's really not," he said. "What we have here is sometimes even better than what is out there in the real world."

Thrasher is off to the University of Minnesota to complete his master's degree in fine arts. Afterward he hopes to be on his way to Broadway to be a professional lighting designer, he said.

"I've had four years here and it's been nice and fun, but I think I'm at the point I want to move on to something different," he said. "I've kind of gotten used to everything that's going on here, and it's just one of those things. It's time to move on."



PHOTO BY LAURA SECK/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Senior Brandon Thrasher works on lights in The Performing Arts Center. Thrasher began his career in theater lighting in high school and hopes to continue while attending the University of Minnesota for his master's.

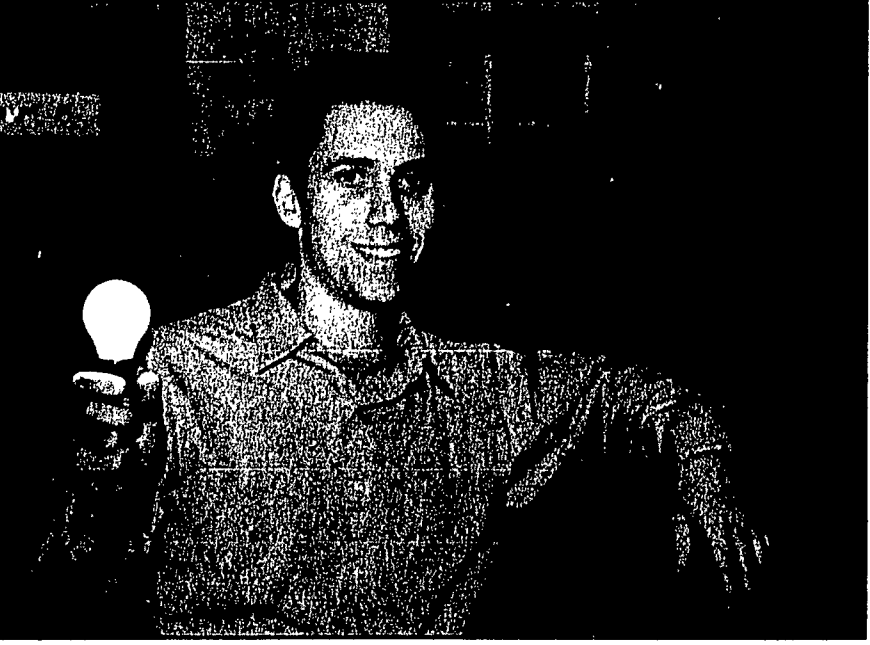


PHOTO BY LAURA SECK/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Senior Brandon Thrasher hopes to someday work on stage lighting for theaters on Broadway in New York City. Thrasher has worked on plays at Northwest for four years.

Kara Swink can be contacted at 562-1224 or kswink@missourianonline.com

Top headlines from past provide memories

For the typical college senior, four years have passed since they became members of the Northwest family. As they began their college journey, these were the top stories of their freshmen year.

Flag raising dedicates plaza to Northwest

The International Plaza, Northwest's newest community member, was unveiled Oct. 9, 1998.

A flag raising ceremony took place to commemorate the opening of the Plaza, which includes flags from 54 different countries.

The construction of the plaza cost \$400,000, \$250,000 of which was donated by Joyce and Harvey White. Additionally, 40 people donated \$1,000 apiece.

Trial dates set for suspects for murder of store clerk

The murder of convenience store clerk Gracie Hixson came as a shock to the area, especially once it was discov-

ered that three Northwest students were arrested for the Oct. 12, 1997, murder, more than a year after the slaying.

Brian Campbell and Philip Baldwin have both plead guilty to second-degree murder. Campbell and Baldwin were sentenced June 21, 1999, and May 17, 1999, respectively.

Travis Cannon was sentenced to life in prison. His jury trial date was Sept. 27, 1999, where both Campbell and Baldwin testified against him on first degree murder charges.

Northwest football team wins first championship

The football team won Northwest's first-ever national championship Dec. 12, 1998, in Florence, Ala., with a 24-6 defeat of Carson-Newman College and became the first team in Division II football history to earn a 15-0 record.

Also during that season, football head coach Mel Tjeerdsma was named MIAA Coach of the Year for the fourth consecutive year, and senior quarterback Chris Greisen was named MIAA Offensive Player of the Year

Bomb threat ends as 'joke,' evacuation of buildings

The University was faced with a bomb threat called in on Jan. 28, 1999, by David C. Sharp, 20, Kansas City, Mo.

Although the threat ended up being called a "joke," the University was forced to call in a bomb-sniffing dog and state officers. Eight buildings were evacuated as a result of the threat.

Student Senate encounters problems throughout year

Early in the spring semester the Student Senate financial affairs committee had allocated most of its budgeted money to organizations.

The group of senators also encountered the impeachment of Danielle Saunders, senior class representative, who in the end was not removed from office.

With the end of Student Senate's year came a tie between the candidates for executive secretary which lead to a

debate about policy.

Broadway show entertains, brings in famous comedian

Northwest brought in comedian Rip Taylor to perform in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" in February 1999, which many students called "hilarious."

The Broadway show was said to be "awesome," and "in tune with the characters" and "definitely entertaining."

Students discover metal in campus dining's entrees

Northwest students got more than they paid for in their ARAMARK campus dining food in March 1999.

Josh Skidmore and Brad Goodrich both found metal in food they purchased from campus dining.

However, Barry Beacom, campus dining director, said ARAMARK employees are "health conscious," and "safety conscious."

FINALS SCHEDULE

Monday, April 22	
4:00 Monday	7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
12:00 or 12:35 Tuesday	9:40 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.
Chemistry (Lab) 113, 115, 117	
Physical Science (Lab) 103	11:50 a.m. - 1:50 p.m.
2:00 Tuesday	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
1:00 Monday	4:10 p.m. - 6:10 p.m.
Political Science 102	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 23	
3:00 or 3:30 Monday	7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
11:00 Monday	9:40 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.
PE 110 (Lifetime Wellness)	11:50 a.m. - 1:50 p.m.
11:00 Tuesday	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
8:00 Monday	4:10 p.m. - 6:10 p.m.
Computer Science	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 24	
9:00 Monday	7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Math 114, 115	9:40 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.
12:00 Monday	11:50 a.m. - 1:50 p.m.
2:00 Monday	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
History 155	4:10 p.m. - 6:10 p.m.
Thursday, April 25	
9:00 or 9:35 Tuesday	7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
10:00 Tuesday	9:40 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.
Communication 102	11:50 a.m. - 1:50 p.m.
8:00 Tuesday	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
4:00 Tuesday	4:10 p.m. - 6:10 p.m.
Friday, April 26	
10:00 Monday	7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
1:00 Tuesday	9:40 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.
3:00 or 3:35 Tuesday	11:50 a.m. - 1:50 p.m.

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Mom &
Dad

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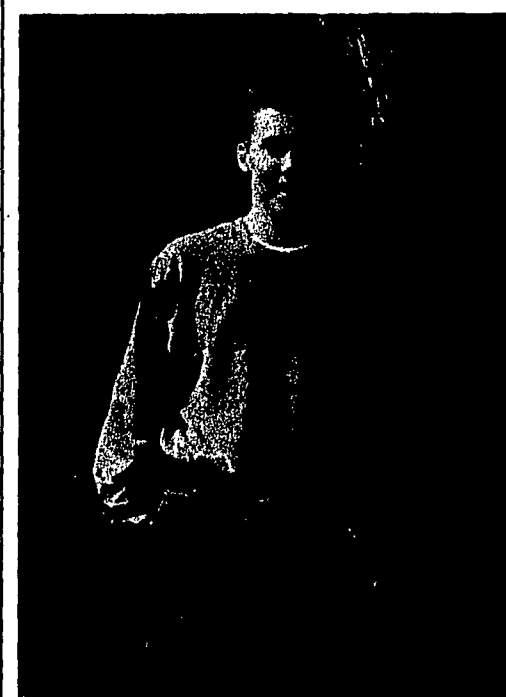


She did it!!
Congratulations
Love, Mom, Dad, Erin, & Tony



Congratulations
shorty,

We are soooo
proud of you!
We knew you could
do it!
Love Mom &
Dad



Brandon,

Just want to let
you know how
proud we are of
your
accomplishments!

Happy
Graduation

Love,
Mom & Dad

You're the Apple of Our Eye!
Aunt Elli

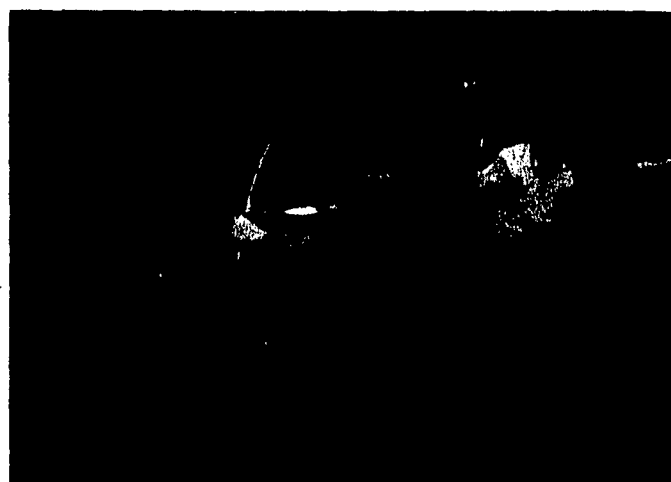


We love you!! - Marissa & Cole
(And the rest of the family, too!!!)



Mark,
You made it!!

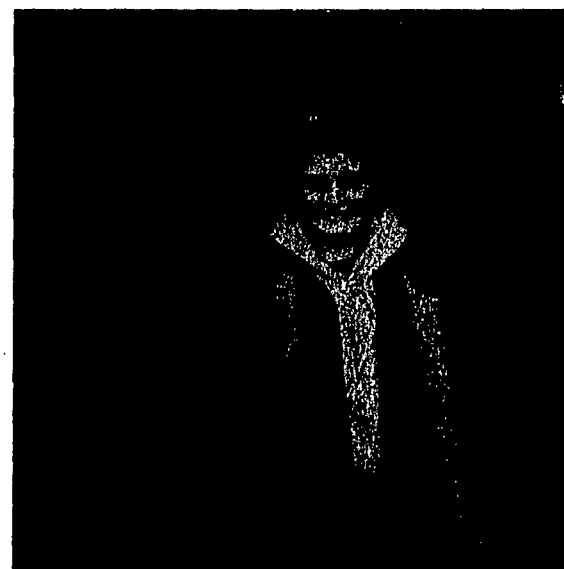
Best Wishes
Love ya,
Mom & Dad



Sharon,

Congratulations
on hitting your
target!!!

Love, Linda,
Dad, and Valerie



Congratulations Josh!
You made it!

Keep your creative
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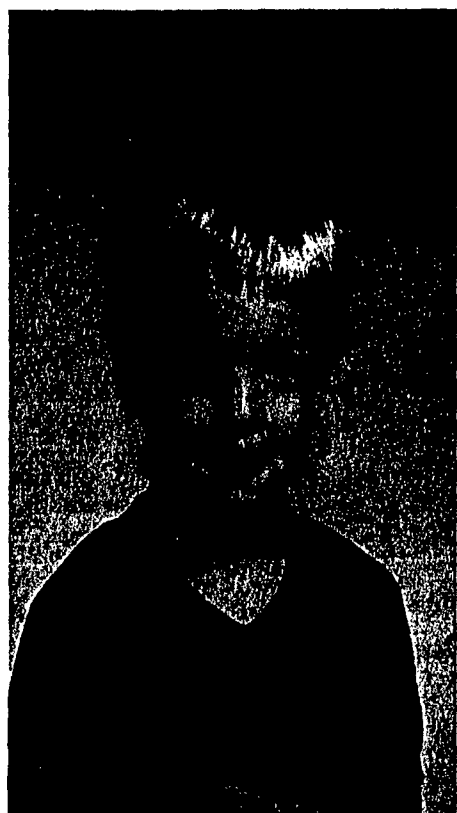
First quail hunting,
now job hunting.
You'll do great!

Love,
Mom

Congratulations
Brian

From Mom, Dad,
Melissa, Jeremy,
and all the friends
you met along the way.

May this be a doorway
to the future for you.



Congratulations
and God Bless
you Carrie!

We are so proud
of you!

Dad, Mom,
Scott, & Erin

And your point is?



Our point is
"Congratulations"
Love Dad, Mom,
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We love you
very much.

Love Mom &
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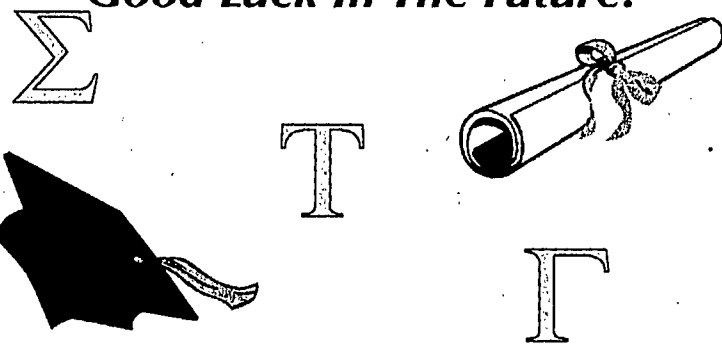
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Love,
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**The Men Of Sig Tau Would Like
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**Good Luck and
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Kristy Vanderhoof	Lindsay Lund
Emily Carven	Adrienne Gevens
Beth Reuter	Ali Eilers
Allison Clevenger	Kelly Dornan
Erin Wittstruck	Jessica McKenzie
Heidi Floersch	Jena Hansen
Candice Mahlberg	MiTasha Heideman
Katy Graber	Corinne Moszczynski
Julie Kirk	Cassia Kite
Melanie Blando	Kristin Harstmann

**Best Wishes to all the women of
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us! We'll miss you!**



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our Miracle*

*Te ama,
Tu Familia*



Devon,
Even at your
preschool graduation we
could see you had great
plans and goals. We
know you will be as
wonderful a teacher as
you are a person.
Congratulations and Love,
Mom & Dad



Bradley ...
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Dad, Mom,
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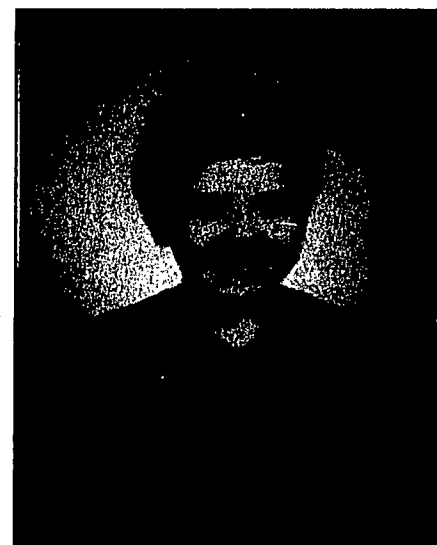
Love, Mom, Dad, Jim, & Rob

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We love you
so much.
Keep
spreading your
wings.

Mom, Ron,
Grandpa &
Poppy.



Justin,
You have
come a
long way.
I'm so proud
of you!

Love Always,
Michelle

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like to congratulate all of our
graduating seniors and wish them
the best of luck!**

Debbie Bacon	Jodi Coles
Chrissy Beck	Beth Cow
Tiffany Burnes	Liz Eisaman
Amy Carter	Cristina Livingston

We will miss you all!

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JANE MARIE CLARK
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TRACI THIEROLF
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Ann Brady	Christy Miller
Kelly Kettinger	Julie Polc
Erin Mowery	Meghan Dunning
Nicole Nulph	Jill Ebmeier
Amy Wilson	Carrie Vestecka



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Seniors

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Clara Busenbark
Amy Elmore
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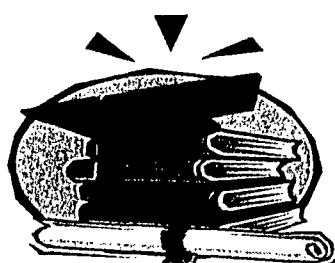
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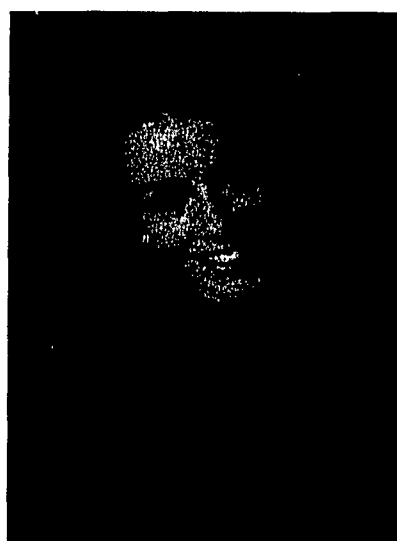


Michelle Smith-
Vaught
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Mom & Dad



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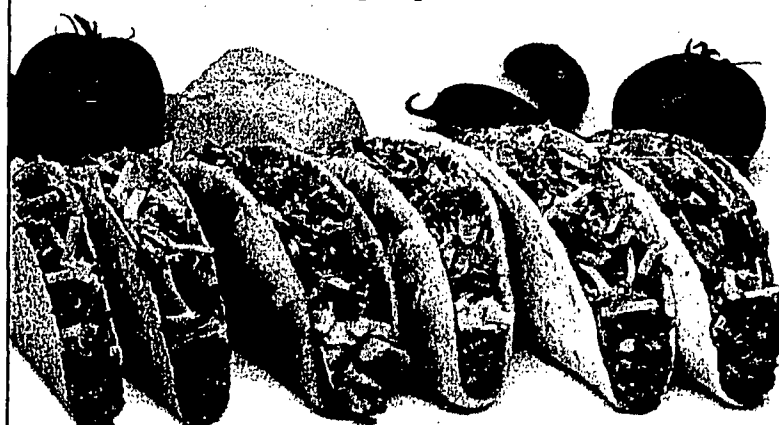
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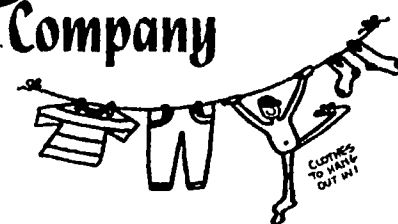
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Dad, Sandi, & Traci



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our superstar!

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Largest and Loudest
cheering section!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jamie,
Christy, & Glory Mae

